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Mr George More that was DarreU's companion when he dispossessed those seven persons in one house in Lancashire hath penned a discourse of the same, to serve, as he saith, as part of an answer to the book called *A discovery of the fraudulent practises*

[6] THE PICTURE OF A PERFECT COMMONWEALTH '

The picture of a perfect Commonwealth, describing as well the offices of Princes and inferior magistrates over their subjects, as also the duties of subjects towards their governors, being gathered forth of sundry authors *by* Mr Thomas Floyd of Jesus College in Oxford Treateth in 46 chapters of a common-wealth and its sundry kinds, as aristocracy, democracy, mon-archy, and of those virtues and qualities whereof a magistrate should partake

[c] VICISSITUDO JRERUM '

An elegical poem of the interchangeable courses and varieties of things in this world entitled *Ficissitudo rerum^* hath been composed by Mr John Norden, showing how Time turneth all things out of date and will prevail till she herself have end and timeless time succeedeth

We at the present see *Timers* changing state,
And *Nature's* fearful alterations,
As if *Time* now did preach the *Heavens*[9] debate,
And *Stars* to band in dismal factions
Strange *signs* are seen, divine probations,
That some *effect* will follow of *admire^*
Too late, when come, to say it will retire

The *Sun* and *Moon* eclipsed ne'er so much,
Comets and strange impressions in the *air*;
The *tides* and swelling j?00<£f were never such
The *earth* doth tremble, *Nature* doth impair,

Hid'ous *monsters* now possess the chair,
Where erst dame *Nature's* true begotten seed
Sat truly graced in her proper weed.
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